

Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 - Expedited Examining Procedure  
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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 12 (Abstract), with the following amended paragraph.

The invention relates to a device for taking and examining ~~samples, samples, comprising~~ In one embodiment, a tube-shaped housing (50) is provided in which a cartridge (30), a testing means device (40) and a sample-taking device (10) ~~means (10)~~ are positioned. ~~positioned, wherein a~~ A sample introduced by ~~means of the sample-taking means~~ device (10) can be mixed with a content of the cartridge (30), and the testing means device (40) is may be used to analyze the sample mixture.